



Case BR-7288  
Appln. No. 10/646,546

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

JOEL F. CARPENTER ET AL. )  
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 ) EXAMINER: TUCKER, PHILIP C.  
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MAXIMIZING THE EFFICACY OF )  
THIOCYANATE SCAVENGERS IN )  
OILFIELD BRINES )

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed in the above application on January 9, 2006. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this paper.

An Exhibit A referenced in the Remarks also is attached.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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